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HAWAIIAN ISLANDS HUMPBACK WHALE NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY HOSTS SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

The Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary will hold a public meeting of the Sanctuary Advisory Council in Honolulu. This council meeting will focus on the sanctuary management plan review process and the upcoming public scoping period. Any persons wishing to testify on agenda items are requested to submit a written copy of their testimony to the council coordinator 24 hours prior to the meeting.

WHAT: Sanctuary Advisory Council Meeting

WHEN: July 19, 2010
9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

WHERE: 6600 Kalanianaʻole Highway, Suite 301, Honolulu, Hawaii

WHO: NOAA's Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary

Testimonies may be mailed to 6600 Kalanianaʻole Highway, Suite 301, Honolulu, Hawaii 96825, faxed to (808) 397-2650, or e-mailed to: joseph.paulin@noaa.gov. The public will be invited to present these statements during its public forum period. To receive more information, or to request a meeting agenda, please contact the Oahu sanctuary office at (808) 397-2651 ext. 257.

The Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary is administered by a partnership between NOAA and the State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources. The shallow, warm waters surrounding the main Hawaiian Islands constitute one of the world's most important humpback whale habitats. Approximately two-thirds of the entire North Pacific humpback whale population migrates to Hawaiian waters each winter to engage in calving, nursing and breeding activities.

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